

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION
)	
Bo RUNEMAN et al.)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
)	
Application No.: Unassigned)	Examiner: Unassigned
)	
Filed: October 22, 2003)	Confirmation No.: 4251
)	
For: A HYGIENE TISSUE WITH LACTIC)	
ACID PRODUCING BACTERIAL)	
STRAINS)	
)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Also, enclosed is a copy of the Swedish International Search Report for Swedish Application No. SE 0300002-3.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since the documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) no fee or statement is required.

Swedish Patent No. 518 097 is in Swedish. However, WO 02/28446 is an English language counterpart and is submitted herewith.

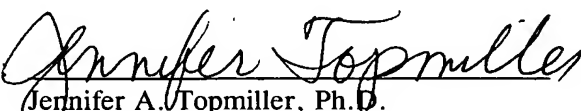
Additionally, the publications Arkadeva et al. and Stoianova et al. are not in English. However, the relevance of these two publications is discussed on page 5 of the specification.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

Date: October 22, 2003

By: 
Jennifer A. Topmiller, Ph.D.
Registration No. 50,435

P.O. Box 1404
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404
(703) 836-6620

Substitute for forms 1449A/PTO & 1449B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT	ATTORNEY'S DKT NO. 018798-164	APPLICATION NO. Unassigned
	APPLICANT Bo Runeman et al.	
	FILING DATE October 22, 2003	GROUP Unassigned

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials	Document Number	Kind Code (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Issue/Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Document Number	Kind Code (if known)	Country	Date of Publication (MM-DD-YYYY)	Translation Yes No
	01/13956	A2	WIPO	03-01-2001	
	01/13956	A3	WIPO	03-01-2001	
	518097		Sweden	08-27-2002	X
	02/28446		WIPO	04-11-2002	
	1 118 342		Europe	07-25-2001	
	92/13577		WIPO	08-20-1992	
	00/35502		WIPO	06-22-2000	
	99/45099		WIPO	09-10-1999	
	99/17813		WIPO	04-15-1999	
	97/02846		WIPO	01-30-1997	

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials	Include name of author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.
	HILL, G.B., et al., "Bacteriology of the Vagina", Scand. J. Urol. Nephrol. 1984; 86 (suppl.) 23-39
	RUNEMAN, B., et al., "Experimental <i>Candida albicans</i> Lesions in Healthy Humans: Dependence on Skin pH", Acta Derm Venereol 2000; 80: 421-424, Taylor & Francis
	ARKADEVA, A., et al., N.A. Nauchnye Doklady Vysshei Shkoly, Biologicheskie Nauki 1983, 2:101-104
	STOIANOVA et al., Mikrobiologiya, 2000, 69:98-104
	Harry's Cosmeticsology, 8th ed., Ed. by M.M. Rieger, Chemical Publishing Co., Inc., New York 2000, p. 116-121, p. 308-315, p. 323-331, p. 359-363, p. 380-381
	PRIOR, B.A., "MEASUREMENT OF WATER ACTIVITY IN FOODS: A REVIEW", JOURNAL OF FOOD PROTECTION, VOL. 42, NO. 8, PGS. 668-674 (AUGUST 1979) INT. ASSOC. OF MILT, FOOD & ENVIRONMENTAL SANITARIANS
	"FUNDAMENTALS OF WATER ACTIVITY", April 28, 1999, available at www.decagon.com/aqualab/

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. § 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.